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Title: ATOMIZING APPARATUS AND METHOD

**Preliminary Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the Application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please insert the following after the Title:

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**--Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

*A*  
This Application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to Japanese Patent Application No. P2000-181600, filed June 16, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.--

**In the Claims:**

*/* Please cancel claims 10-12 without prejudice or disclaimer.

**Remarks**

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 28, 2003, Applicant elects, without traverse, Group 1, claims 1-9 for prosecution in the captioned application. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications drawn to the non-elected subject matter.

*/* Applicant has also amended the specification to include a cross reference to the priority document under 35 U.S.C. § 119. Applicant has also canceled non-elected claims 10-

12 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1-9 will be pending with entry of the amendments.

An action on the merits is now awaited. Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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